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MEMORANDUM FOR: AFCIG-5
Headquarters USAF

2 OCT 1961

ATTENTION: Colonel Leo P. Geary

SUBJECT: KC-135 Support of U-2C

1. It is requested that your office effect the necessary coordination with Strategic Air Command to obtain tanker support for inflight refueling pilot checkout and training of U-2C pilots.
2. It is desired that the initial checkout phase start 25 September and continue over a two week period at the rate of one tanker per day, excluding Saturday and Sunday. Make up sorties, if required, would be scheduled on 5 and/or 6 October 1961. The second checkout phase should be scheduled during the remaining three weeks of October.
3. Preliminary coordination with Major Thornton by Detachment G operations personnel has been accomplished at Castle Air Force Base. Use of tankers from Castle Air Force Base will facilitate the necessary coordination between tanker/receiver units, and current plans are predicated upon tanker support from that base - at least through the checkout phases.
4. It is suggested that tanker support made available for the initial phases be identified as "Higher Headquarters directed missions" to preclude SAC Management Control System penalties of tanker organization furnishing support. Follow on or recurring tanker requirements can be scheduled in tanker units programming plans.

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5. Based on present known requirements our over-all tanker support through 1962 are as follows:

25 September 1961 - 6 October 1961	3 Sorties	Checkout of three project pilots.
9 October 1961 - 31 October 1961	3 Sorties	Checkout of three project pilots.
November 1961 - December 1962	4 Sorties Per Month	Readiness and Proficiency Training

6. It is planned that night checkouts and tactical doctrine development can be accomplished on sorties allocated for proficiency training. In addition, the majority of sorties requested for readiness and proficiency training (November 1961 through December 1962) will require a minimum working time of approximately thirty minutes and a 6000 pound off-load. For training sorties "Wet" hookups may be accomplished with JP-4 fuel. This requirement might be incorporated in the monthly tanker training schedule.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

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